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Notice to Practitioners No. 2003-06



UPDATES FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE:

(1) EXPIRATION OF CHAPTER 12; (2) DROP BOX MOVING; (3) STATUS OF OUR MOVE; (4) SAVE THE DATE: BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL WORKSHOP

(1) Expiration of Chapter 12

Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code expired on July 1, 2003. Pending chapter 12 cases, along with all matters and proceedings related to these cases, will be conducted as if chapter 12 had not expired. On June 23, 2003, the House of Representatives passed the Family Farmer Bankruptcy Relief Act of 2003 (H.R. 2465), a bill to temporarily extend chapter 12 from July 1, 2003, for six months. To date, the Senate has not acted on this bill.

The clerk will not accept a petition for filing under chapter 12 unless the law is reenacted.

We have updated New Mexico Form 100, "Declarations by Debtor(s) for Electronic Filing of Chapter _____ Petition," to eliminate the listing of chapter 12 as an option in the "Notice to Individual Consumer Debtors" section of the form. A copy of the updated form may be obtained from our website (www.nmcourt.fed.us/web/BCDOCS/bcindex.html). You may wish to modify forms in your practice which are affected by this change, e.g., the petition.

History suggests that chapter 12 will likely be reenacted. Should this occur, we will notify you as soon as possible (at least by posting a notice on our website) and we will automatically update our forms.

(2) Drop Box Moving

In conjunction with the conversion of Fifth Street SW to a two-way street and in anticipation of our move to 500 Gold Avenue SW, we will be moving the drop box to the west side of Fifth Street SW, where it will be located just south of the wall surrounding the entry, at about the middle of the block. If this move hasn't occurred by the time you receive this notice, it should happen sometime during the month of July.

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(3) Status of Our Move

We are on track to move the entire Court across the street to 500 Gold Avenue SW over the Labor Day holiday weekend. In August, we will provide further details regarding office locations, service hours, etc.

(4) Save the Date: Bankruptcy Appellate Panel Workshop

The Bankruptcy Law Section of the State Bar of New Mexico and the Court are pleased to announce that Bankruptcy Appellate Panel Clerk Barbara Schermerhorn and BAP Staff Attorney Lane Cutler will be here on Friday, September 12, 2003, to present a brown-bag educational session on appeals to the BAP. Please mark your calendars now. The lunch session is set for 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. More details will be forthcoming from the Section.

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